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COOLING OFF

Photos by Sue Ellen Woodcock Nikolas Kalas, 3, (right) has his mouth wide open for some cool water at a park on Sanderson Avenue Saturday. Above, Jacob and Jasmine Yanes, 6 and 4, splash away.



Centerboard's We Rise program receives grant from The Boston Foundation

Centerboard announced it has received a \$12,100 grant from the Boston Foundation to help fund the We Rise program, which addresses issues of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), through the Foundation's Open Door Grants program.

"This grant will allow us to continue to fund innovative programming to combat the issues associated with CSEC," Centerboard CEO Mark DeJoie said. "We look forward to building upon our mission of bringing

together survivors of commercial sexual exploitation with key community allies in order to prevent, intervene against, and promote recovery from the commercial sexual exploitation of children"

Centerboard was founded in 1987 and today serves over 2,000 families annually on the North

Open Door Grants are competitive, one-year grants designed for organizations whose proposal is focused on Greater Boston and whose values align with

those of the Boston Foundation. Grants are awarded quarterly, and are selected by staff through an inclusive evaluation process. Funds for this grant come from the Boston Foundation's Permanent Fund for Boston, Greater Boston's only endowed fund focusing on the pressing needs of Greater Boston. The Permanent Fund has been made possible by more than a century of gifts from those who seek to support innovative solutions to the region's most pressing problems since 1915.

One more time

Budget fuels Blue Line talk again

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

It's been talked about for decades – the Blue Line extending its branch to Lynn – that it's become a sort of the boy who cried wolf

Included in the new \$43 billion state budget for 2020 is a proposal to study the extension of the Blue Line. The fact that traffic around here is at an all-time high is spurring the effort this time.

Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) has filed an option to have a line run from Wonderland Station in Revere to downtown Lynn extending the Blue Line, or other rapid transit.

The study has to be done by next April. The only glitch is that Gov. Charlie Baker has 10 days to approve or disapprove the budget that the House and Senate

created.

Crighton said there have been thoughts about a ferry running from Lynn to Boston too. The Blue Line and the ferry would give North Shore residents an option to get through Lynn, Revere and Boston. Currently only the Salem Ferry runs to Boston from the North Shore.

There are also concerns about the traffic impact as the development of Revere Beach continues, Wonderland development is inevitable and the 161-acre development Suffolk Downs with 11,000 housing units are on the horizon.

"I hope the governor (who lives in Swampscott) will see the merits in this plan," Crighton

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List of candidates set for citywide Preliminary Election on Sept. 3

Staff report

The Lynn Election's Office, under the direction of City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe, has certified the following list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the citywide Preliminary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019.

Voters will be able to cast their ballots in all races even in races where all candidates will automatically advance to the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5,

The only race in which candidates will be eliminated from advancing to the general election is the Ward 6 councilor race where there are five candidates, Fred Hogan, Donald Castle, Cinda Danh, David Ellis, and Jimmy Gonzalez. The two finishers in

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EDITORIAL

OVERUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS THREATENS ALL OF US

The discovery and widespread use of antibiotics in the middle of the last century ranks as one of the greatest achievements of modern science.

Until the 20th century, infections that we now consider straightforward to treat – such as pneumonia and diarrhea – that are caused by bacteria, were the number one cause of human death in the developed world.

However, during World War II, the widespread use of penicillin is credited not only wth saving the lives of thousands of American soldiers, but also with paving the way for the development of many other forms of antibiotics that we take for granted today for the treatment of everything from ear infections in our children to more serious bacterial infections in those with compromised immune systems.

However, as with everything else in life, too much of a good thing can lead to bad consequences. Antibiotics not only are prescribed for illnesses for which they are often not needed in humans, but are in widespread use in the production of livestock. More than half of the antibiotics produced in the United States are used for agricultural purposes. If you are a consumer of beef, pork, chicken, farm-raised fish, and dairy products -- which is to say, just about all of us -- then you have been ingesting antibiotics with every meal you have eaten for decades.

The result of this mass use of antibiotics has resulted in the evolution of antibiotic-resistant germs. Recent news articles have highlighted the inability of even the top-rated hospitals throughout the world to fight these super-bugs. Individuals who go into the hospital for routine procedures now are subject to contracting a super-bug that modern science is powerless to fight.

Epidemiologists tell us that the greatest health threat world-wide is a super-bug that is resistant to all of the antibiotic weapons currently existing in our treatment arsenal and that the only way to prevent such an occurrence is to stop the overuse of antibiotics.

However, with the drug and agriculture lobbies firmly in control of Congress, it is not likely that anything will be done to change our present practices, thereby placing all of us at risk for becoming the victims of a super-bug that we will be powerless to stop.

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GUEST OP-ED

Raising the minimum wage is a women's issue

By Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Rep. Pramila Jayapal

We've been cheering on the U.S. women's soccer team — first as they won the World's Cup and now as they pursue pay equity. For too long, female professional athletes have earned just a small fraction of what male sports stars earn.

And to that we say: Pay them what they're owed.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to finally end the unfair and blatantly sexist gender pay gap for a vastly larger group of American women — those who work in low-wage jobs. Because they're more likely than men to be on the bottom rungs of the income ladder, women have even more to gain from a raise in the federal minimum wage.

So here's the shocker: Minimum wage is a women's issue and an economic justice issue.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, 58 percent of the nearly 40 million U.S. workers who would benefit from this wage hike are women. Nearly one in three out of all female wage-earners and 43 percent of single mothers would receive a raise. This increase would disproportionately benefit black and Hispanic women.

For women and men across the country, this raise is long overdue. Congress hasn't passed a wage increase for more than a decade. The bill the House voted on, the Raise the Wage Act, would increase the hourly minimum gradually from \$7.25 to \$15 in 2024.

Passing this legislation would mean that millions of women will get a necessary raise. Many work hard every day performing services that are essential to our communities and our society, and yet they earn so little that they still worry about paying their bills. We're talking, for example, about the more than half a million childcare workers whose typical pay is just \$11.17 per hour. And we're talking about the nearly 800,000 home health aides whose median pay is \$11.63.

The overwhelming share of individuals doing the life-supporting, honorable, and ex-

tremely challenging work of caring for our children, people with disabilities, and seniors are women. These types of female-dominated, low-paid jobs are in the fields with the largest projected growth over the next decade. Meanwhile, Wall Street employees, who are predominantly male, made an average of \$422,500 (over \$200 per hour) in 2017.

Cities like Seattle and states like Massachusetts have been a test case for the federal wage increase. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city's minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$12 per hour. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city's minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$16 per hour for large employers and at least \$15 for companies with 500 or fewer employees. A recent study indicates that this can help hardworking Seattle moms put food on the table by raising their pay while not pushing up grocery prices. In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the legislature voted to increase the minimum, including the subminimum wage, beginning in 2018.

The federal Raise the Wage Act would also raise the subminimum wage for restaurant servers and other tipped workers, which has been stuck at just \$2.13 per hour for a quarter of a century. While employers are technically supposed to make up the difference if workers' tips don't bring them above the regular minimum wage, enforcement can be lax.

That's why poverty rates for

tipped workers, two-thirds of whom are women, are more than twice as high as rates for workers overall, according to the National Women's Law Center.

It's also why the restaurant industry is the single largest source of sexual harassment claims in the United States. "Women forced to live on tips are compelled to tolerate inappropriate and degrading behavior from customers, coworkers, and managers in order to make a living," Saru Jayaram of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United explained in a 2015 New York Times op-ed.

Under the wage hike bill, the subminimum wage for tipped workers would be gradually increased until it's the same as the full minimum wage. Eight states have already eliminated the two-tier wage structure. Women in these One Fair Wage states are less likely to live in poverty than in other states.

All women — whether they are sports champions in the limelight or the caregivers, servers, and others at the low end of the income ladder — deserve fair pay. Today, we hope our colleagues in Congress will help give them that opportunity.

Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Rep. Pramila Jayapal are members of the U. S. Jouse of Representatives Pressley represents the 7th District in Massachusetts and Rep. Pramila represents the 7th District in Washington State.



HOW CAN ONE COMPETE ... WITH THE RECORD HEA

Beyond Walls kicks off third annual Street Art Festival

Beyond Walls, the awardwinning, place-making and public art organization will host its annual Street Art Festival through Aug. 3, in Lynn. Over a two-week period, locally and internationally renowned artists will produce large scale murals and mixed media works of street art that will be displayed throughout the city. This year in addition to a series of exclusive events, live music and artist talks, Beyond Walls will launch PATIO, a new initiative that will transform underutilized urban spaces into three seasonal "parklets" in the Downtown Lynn Cultural District. Curbside parking spaces and larger walkways will be reimagined, featuring temporary seating, a platform for performances, and pop-up dining. Diverse programming that will take place at PATIO includes "el ROLOTON," a friendly "battle of the downtown barbershops," informal "Living Room" conversations with local political candidates, and sidewalk sales that support Lynn-based entrepreneurs.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information and program schedules, please visit www.beyond-walls.org

Artists will include: Add Fuel, Portugal BKFoxx, USA Bordalo II, Portugal Celso, Puerto Rico Fresco Exchange, Colombia x Boston

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Based in Lynn, Massachusetts, Beyond Walls is a creative place-making organization, dedicated to activating public spaces to strengthen communities. By partnering with local organizations, municipalities, residents, and property owners, Beyond Walls helps integrate public art and curated experiences into underutilized urban environments. In 2016, Founder and CEO Al Wilson-inspired by projects in Brooklyn, New York; Philadelphia, PA; and Kings Cross, London; -saw Lynn's rich history, architecture, and burgeoning arts and cultural district as the perfect landscape to test the creative economy. Together, with a group of local business owners, residents, and public art/place-making enthusiasts Wilson formed a robust volunteer committee and launched a grass-roots effort to implement four inaugural large scale public art initiatives in downtown Lynn, a post-industrial city located just 10 miles north of Boston. The first projects spearheaded by Beyond Walls included 600 feet of interactive LED underpass lighting, the now annual Street Art Festival, the installation of vintage neon art, and a sculpture paying homage to Lynn's industrial past. Today, Beyond Walls is led by Wilson and supported by a full-time staff with background in arts administration, city planning, and fundraising.

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said. "We certainly have talked about the Blue Line and the ferry in the past so he's certainly aware of the situation."

"Traffic in Greater Boston is worse than it's ever been in our state's history. If it continues like this we're looking at negative impact on our economy, and quality of life

People are reconsidering to stay, live and work in Greater Boston," Crighton said. "We want to get the budget signed and get the feasibility study underway as quickly as possible."

Other local items included in the budget are:

\$150,000 for Lynn Police Behavioral Health Unit,

\$55,000 for Red Rock Park maintenance,

\$375,000 for the Forsyth Dental program, \$50,000 for the cleanup of Pilayella algae on King's Beach and Long Beach, and \$25,000 for the Downtown Lynn Cultural District.

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GREATER LYNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A NEW CONTROL CENTER

The best way to start the day is to enjoy a good breakfast.

GLCC members had the opportunity to meet and greet with other business professionals before attending their daily schedule as well as to have some refreshments.

The Breakfast Club at Centerboard was sponsored by the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce (GLCC). This breakfast program was to inform members how Centerboard works within many North Shore communities.

GLCC Event Coordinator Samantha McHugh introduced Adam Swift of Centerboard who gave an overview about the new location and its community involvements.

As Adam said, "This is our new location for our staff. You can see this room is still in progress. We are planning to open in several weeks for events and other programs. If someone would like to use this new facility, it will be available."

He continued to say, "Centerboard is a non-profit charity that receives donations to maintain programs. Our mission is to revitalize communities by assisting people in need. We offer many programs such as, working with the youth, helping the homeless, and jump-starting lives toward independence. We serve over 2,000 families annually throughout the North Shore".

Centerboard's major Fundraising Gala will be on Saturday of November 16 at Danversport. This event supports families, children, and youth experiencing homelessness. Please join Centerboard for a fun evening.



Jousette Anaya and Muriel Clement of Wellness Pathway of Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS).



GLCC members – Architect and GLCC Board member Glenn Morris with GLCC Treasurer Attorney Eddy Staco.



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Mohamed Ashow owner of Jerusalem Furniture of Lynn shakes hands with Centerboard Director of Development Ray Pasciuto.



Laura Reeder of Artist and Education Consultant with Bill Bullen of North Shore Senior Healthcare.



GLCC Members enjoying breakfast at Centerboard.



Adam Swift of Centerboard greets Stephanie Goodman of Goodman Wellness and Julie Kramer of Kramer Studios.



City of Lynn Prevention Coordinator Michelle Simons, Opioid Program Specialist Emily Hatchouel, and John Calabrese of the Martial Arts Center.



John Calabrese of Body Mind Systems Martial Arts Center, LEO Chief Program Officer Lilian Romero, Vanessa Bettencourt of Beverly Bank, and Richard Berg of BCA Associates.

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Roca draws praise as national model at panel discussion

Chelsea Police Capt. Batchelor speaks out on identifying high-risk individuals at a younger age

By Cary Shuman

Community leaders praised Roca as a national model for its positive impact in helping to decrease incidents of urban violence during a panel discussion held June 27 at Northeast Crossing in Boston.

Carl Miranda, director of Roca Boston moderated the discussion that featured panelists, Thomas Abt, author of "Bleeding Out: The Devastating Consequences of Urban Violence - and a Bold New Plan for Peace in the Streets: Ed Dolan, commissioner of Massachusetts Probation Services; Tracy Litthcut, co-director of the Boston Mayor's Office of Public Safety; and Anthony Braga, director and Distinguished Professor, School of Criminology

and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University.

Molly Baldwin, CEO of Roca, was in attendance at the panel discussion. It was Baldwin who founded the Chelsea-based agency whose mission has been "to disrupt the cycle of incarceration of poverty by helping young people transform their lives."

Abt, a senior research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, has some interesting observations in his book, which not only contains a rigorous analysis of urban violence and its consequences, but also a concrete and helpful framework for the moving the needle on vi-

For example, Abt writes that "In Boston, 70 percent of all shootings over a three-year period were concentrated in areas

covering approximately five percent of the city. In most cities, four percent of city blocks account for approximately 50 percent of crime.

Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor, whose work with city partners in Chelsea Hub has helped local families facing difficult challenges, thanked the panelists for their research and the information presented at the

"Any information that we can get to make our city safer and helped people is definitely beneficial to us," said Batchelor.

Batchelor then spoke about identifying at-risk individuals at a younger age.

"It certainly makes sense in identifying individuals that are at high risk and getting those people the services and remove them from that high risk," said Batchelor. "My only thought is that sometimes we wait too long. I think there are identifying risk factors prior to a person getting involved in a shooting or being a victim - and I think we know

"I wish we could start [identifying high-risk situations] a little younger – we're starting at 17, 18, 19-year-olds into their 20s - I think you can identify those behaviors almost in middle school," concluded Batchelor. "Sometimes, we're waiting for something bad to happen, we're waiting for that person to be a victim or a perpetrator before everything is mobilized and I know it's a challenge because they're at a young age, but I think we're doing a disservice not trying to figure out a way to get that help

to them at an earlier age."

Batchelor said he appreciates conversation about urban violence, "but being a police officer for a long time, but I wonder how things are getting done – how are we going to do this? We have to share information and there are privacy concerns and laws so we're afraid to talk to each other and we're all working in our own little worlds. It's a challenge. Where's the line where we can share or not? I think we need to be able to figure that out to help our communities and keep people safe and get them on the right

(Information from the press release about the panel discussion was used in the compilation of this story).



Mass. Probation Services Commissioner Ed Dolan, author Thomas Abt, and Roca CEO Molly Baldwin, pictured at the forum held at Northeastern.



Roca COO Scott Scharffenberg and Chelsea Police Capt. David Batchelor, pictured at the panel discussion about Thomas Abt's new book that highlights Roca's model and its impact on urban violence in the greater Boston area.

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NORTH SHORE WRESTLING SHOWDOWN

A CIRCLE IN THE SAND

bright sky with a slight breeze off the water produced a fantastic day for the Fourth Annual North Shore Wrestling Showdown on Nahant Beach. Two designed rings were placed on the sand as wrestlers were assigned into different divisions for competition.

A full staff of volunteers assisted with the officiating and scoring. Refreshments were available and the competition followed the college rules. Awards were presented to the participants.

Lynn School Committee member Jared Nicholson, who wrestled in college, organized a wrestling program in the Lynn Public Schools. As Jared said, "This is a great sport to learn; it teaches discipline, builds character, and respect. Most important, the sport helps individuals' to overcome challenges and develops good sportsmanship habits".

This Showdown brings the participants to the beach for a fun day and a terrific way to promote the sport of wrestling.



Lynn Councilors-at Large Brian Field, Brian LaPierre, and Buzzy Barton supporting the Wrestling Showdown for School Committee Member Jared Nicholson along with Jared's father, Stephen Nicholson.



School Committee Members supporting the "Showdown" – John Ford and Brian Castellanos with Katherine Rushfirth, wife of Jared Nicholson.



Lynn High School Wrestling Students – Nyssa Lewis, Robert DeLangis, and Becky Patterson are from Lynn Tech, Jared Nicholson, and Liakhena La from Lynn English.



Wrestling Officials, Volunteers and Wrestlers – (Row 1): Gabriel Shahrouzi, Max Hall, Richard Kayondo, Jeremy Rodriquez, and Malcolm Chrispin; (Row 2): Chairman Jared Nicholson, Bior Guigi, Mi-Asia Strokes-Haith, Tamyjah Thompson, Jacque Davis, and Keith Bodden; (Row 3): Darnel Cineas, Jose Valenzuela, Stephen Nicholson, and Emmanuel Dufort.



Jared Nicholson's North Shore Showdown Wrestling participants ready to start the contests.



Tristan Lane from the Doughboy Wrestling Club places a head-lock onto Christin Smith.



Opening staggered stance as Maxwell Hall placed hand onto the neck of Malcolm Chrispin and grabs the right wrist.



The Doughboys Wrestling Club – Gavin Lang, Luc Bouchie, Tristan Lane with Coach Rick Bouchie.



Nic Miraglivolo in blue locks Dan Kutnick.

A BENEFIT FOR THE STATE-CHAMPION SPARTANS

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upporters of St. Mary's Baseball came out to a "Night at the Races". This was a fun evening for everyone watching how fast their horse can cross the finish line.

Many sponsors stepped up to the plate to make this evening an enjoyable moment by supporting the St. Mary's Division 2 State Baseball Champions.

Coach Derek Dana explained the importance for this fundraiser as he said, "The coaching staff feels the players deserve everything for the championship run. These players worked very hard preparing for each game during the season. This took a lot of discipline to achieve this state championship. My staff members are raising funds for rings and other rewards".

St. Mary's Baseball won the 2015 Division 3 State Championship and moved up into Division 2 shortly afterwards. This is a remarkable feat winning a state title and bringing back the MIAA trophy in 2019.

A banquet will honor the team in August. Donations may be sent to St. Mary's Baseball, St. Mary's School, 35 Tremont St., Lynn, MA 01902.



All-Scholastic Bobby Alcock's Family supports the fundraiser – Uncle Jack O'Donnell, Joanne Deniso, Bob and Lori Alcock, Aunt Kathy and Robert Bogart.



On hand to view the racing form - Michelle D'Amborosio, Maureen Ouellette, and Bethann Jellison.



Coach Brian Mulvey with his wife, Debbi.



Deb Luciano and Ellen Fritz enjoy the fundraiser.



St. Mary's Baseball Division 2 State Champions Coaching Staff - AD Jeff Newhall, Sean Buckland, Tim Fila, Head Coach Derek Dana, Jason Bullock, and Brian Mulvey.



Jim and Marilyn Santerre, the grandparents of Spartan athletes William and Austin Foglietta.



School Committee member **Lorraine Gately and Christine** Newhall, wife of AD Jeff Newhall. tion table for fundraiser.



Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Jim Foley with his wife, Jackie.



Christen Dana and Christine Newhall attend the registra-



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CPC TO BE **VERY ACTIVE**

CHELSEA - Chelsea residents can expect to see a flurry of activity from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) over the coming year.

Earlier this year, the City Council approved Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for a round of pilot projects recommended by the CPC.

The projects recommended by the CPC included money for the rehabilitation of the city's Civil War monument, improvements to the Garden Cemetery, a Marlborough Street Community Garden proposed by The Neighborhood Developers (TND), renovation of the Governor Bellingham-Cary House, renovations to the Congregation Agudath Shalom Museum (Walnut Street Synagogue) and for the city to hire an Affordable Housing Trust Fund housing specialist on a one-year contract basis.

Chelsea voters approved the adoption of the CPA in November 2016. It will provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to be used for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation. The CPA trust fund currently has a balance of just over \$2.2 million before any money was spent on the recent round of pilot proj-

The projects that could be funded during the initial pilot round were capped at \$50,000 each. The total of the seven proposals that came before the CPC is just under \$270,000, according to CPC Chair Jose Iraheta.

Although Iraheta said he can't speak for the other members of the CPC, he said he was excited by the Council's approval of the pilot program.

The committee has been entrusted by our fellow Chelsea residents to help preserve our open spaces, historic sites, and housing affordability," Iraheta said. "The projects that were funded through this pilot honor our fellow community members' wishes. I cannot wait for our next funding round and see what kind of solutions our community comes up with."

One of the immediate goals for the CPC is to make sure everyone in Chelsea knows what the CPA is, what the community values are, and how the CPC funds have been used, according to the CPC Chairman.

The CPC will focus on standardizing the community engagement efforts, capture our community's voice in the community preservation plan and create a straightforward application process so people can know what to expect," Iraheta said. "We want to create a system that is responsible for our community's goals and priorities. If organizations and individuals know what to expect, we hope to see more robust and strong community projects that reflect our community's values."

To accomplish this, he said the CPC will be engaged in deep reflective conversation around the pilot process, including inviting CPC members from other communities to learn from their experiences, building on proven practices.

"My expectations are for the next grant applications to receive more solutions that meet the values, goals, and priorities laid out in the Community Preservation Plan," Iraheta said.

A CPC meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday night.

During the summer, the CPC will work to finalize engagement and application timelines for CPA projects. The next round of funding will not be limited to the \$50,000 cap of the pilot round, Iraheta said, but a final decision has yet to be made on if there will be a larger cap on the requested

Organizations or individuals can get more information on how to apply and on the Community Preservation Plan through the City of Chelsea's Community Preservation Committee dedicated portal at www.chelseama.gov/community-preservation-committee.

Iraheta said he would like to continue to see proposed projects that meet the core values of the Community Preservation

"The CPA funds are a tool that strengthens our communities through funding for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation preserve," he said. 'The CPC does not implement projects; community organizations and individuals do. If your proposal adheres to the values in the Community Preservation Plan, we will consider your application for funding."

RESIDENTS CLEAN UP PARK

CHELSEA - The temperature was 83 degrees and heading north of 90 when a group of residents showed up for a cleanup of the park adjacent to Creekside Commons in Chelsea.

But the hot sun proved no match for members of the Chelsea Enhancement Team (CET) who worked diligently to spruce up the park and walking path that begins behind Beth Israel Deaconess Healthcare and continues to the Locke Street Apartments.

Sharon Fosbury, senior engagement manager at The Neighborhood Developers, and Michael Sandoval, a founding member of CET and recycling and solid waste coordinator for the City of Chelsea, have headed the regularly scheduled events that have come to be known as "Chelsea Shines - The Neighborhood Cleanup."

'We do these events in various parts of the city," explained Fosbury. "At our last meeting, the group decided that they wanted to go to Creekside Commons for July, so we're here cleaning, weeding, picking up trash, trying to keep our parks clean."

Sandoval said the city and CET are committed to providing safe passage for the Chelsea residents who use the local parks and recreational areas.

We're very committed to stepping up our cleanings and educating the public and creating an awareness for the importance of reducing litter in our parks," said Sandoval.

Each week city workers maintain a bag dispenser and dog waste station at the site, one of 33 such stations throughout the city, according to Sandoval.

Sandoval credits City Manager Tom Ambrosino for his support of the CET and the consistent cleanup efforts throughout the city.

'This is a work in progress and we have an amazing leader in our City Manager, Tom Ambrosino," said Sandoval. "He's been our backbone and given us all the support we need as far as doing the outreach and talking to residents about the importance of keeping our city clean."

Fosbury said the CET also regularly maintains the area at the corner of Marlborough and Willow streets.

"We've adopted this little area right where the Silver Line goes by," related Fosbury. "We've planted a bunch of sunflowers. Every year we do plantings and weeds.

Fosbury, who's become one of the faces of the highly successful TND agency that totally transformed Gerrish Avenue into an incredible residential community among other projects, invites local residents to join the Chelsea Enhancement Team at its meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

STRING OF BREAK-INS IN ORIENT HEIGHTS

EAST BOSTON - A thief is on the loose and responsible for several break-ins at popular restaurants in Orient Heights Square.

The thief first struck on July 1 at night long after Orient Heights Square restaurants and bars are closed. The suspect broke into Renegades on Bennington Street and later hit Luna Restaurant on Saratoga Street across from Noyes Field.

The suspect returned on July 5 and hit Renegades for a second

"Our detectives are working on this case and have good video of the suspect and identified him as a person of interest," said District A-7 Community Officer Dan Simons.

Simons said that the suspect is described as a white male driving a dark-colored pick-up truck.

"That's all we have for now," he said.

Renegades co-owner Gred Weinstock said the thief must have worked pretty quick to crack the safe and make off with some money.

By the time our staff and kitchen crew clean up and are out of here it's close to 3 a.m.," he said. "Then someone is usually back at the restaurant by 8 a.m."

Simons said community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous

SALESIANS AND YMCA TEAM UP FOR YOUTH

EAST BOSTON - As the saying goes, "idle time is the devil's playground" so youth organizations like the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the East Boston YMCA have come up with exciting and new programs year after year to target at-risk youth who would otherwise slip through the cracks and end up on the streets during the summer months.

To keep kids busy and active, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA have joined forces to launch a new program, "Summer Teen Nights" at the Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street.

The teen nights will be each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Club through August 16.

The evening of activities include basketball games, cornhole, wiffle ball, BBQs and music.

"We are proud to work with East Boston YMCA and offer such a fun program for teens," said Salesian Executive Director Michael Triant. "Teenagers are an audience that we are always trying to keep engaged and provide more services for. These Friday night events will help showcase our commitment to all teens, which will hopefully carry into the school year. Like Joe said the responsibility of providing quality services to young people is something that we all work together to accomplish."

The first teen night kicked off last Friday night with great success according to YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta.

Were excited to partner with the Salesians to give teens a place to be safe on Friday nights," said Gaeta. "Eastie shines bright when we pull together to leverage our resources and increase our collective impact. Creating a space where our youth feel safe and can be themselves is our main priority. Our kids are Salesians kids, there aren't any more 'my kids, their kids,' they are our 'city's kids."

Traint and Gaeta said the teen nights are free and open to teens ages 13 to 18. The program is sponsored in part by the Boston Police's Youth Activities League. The teen nights will be held rain or shine. If it rains, activities will be brought into the gym.

SWITCHOX RESTORED AFTER BEING **VANDALIZED**

REVERE - When life gives you lemons, it's time to make lemonade and that's what artist and Marine veteran Bobby McKenna did when one of his pieces of art - an intricately designed switchbox at Washington and Sargent streets - was tagged sometime last week with black paint.

McKenna had spent eight hours a day for three weeks painting the switchbox, and now it will take another week to repair. McKenna found out about the act of vandalism through a friend. When he went to see it

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for himself he was beyond devastated.

"I immediately started thinking how hard it would be to get the paint off," he explained since there is a clear coat covering every layer of paint. McKenna said luckily where the person had painted – he was able to clean off a lot and ended up using the black graffiti paint as shading for some other artwork.

"I couldn't have figured out a better way to do it myself," he said

According to Elle Baker, City of Revere Project Planner in the Office of Strategic Planning and Economic Development, said the city received a grant to artistically paint the switchboxes around the city. McKenna completed one on Beachmont last year. The Beachmont box is replica of an old-fashioned radio.

Baker said McKenna's switchbox was not the only one tagged in the city. Four boxes have been hit.

"These artists do so much it's disheartening those who are tagging have no regard," Baker said.

The box at Washington and Sargent streets is a walk-through Revere's history, from the glory days at the beach to the recent ending of horse racing at Suffolk Downs. There's Slade Spices, Madeline Berlo and her Diving Girls, the Cyclone, High-Diving Horses, Revere Beach 1883, crossroads to Wonderland (one of the parks Walt Disney was inspired by.) There are also crossroad signs pointing to the countries residents of Revere come from such as Italy, Morocco, Brazil, Columbia, Turkey and Ireland. You'll also find references to the Battle of Chelsea Creek and yes, even Harry Potter and "Game of Thrones."

"We are all angered and disappointed that thoughtless individuals would so maliciously damage public property," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "This flagrant conduct destroys the colorful and pleasing artwork that decorates utility boxes and was the result of hours of diligence by talented artists. We are equally outraged that anyone could be so inclined

to destroy property anywhere in our city. We take this affront to our sensibilities seriously, and Revere Police will investigate and take proper action against any individuals found responsible for such reprehensible behavior."

Police Chief James Guido said the culprit could face a charge of malicious destruction of property, a fine and even restitution.

MOTHER RETURNS TO COLLEGE FOR MASTER'S DEGREE

REVERE - Not everyone takes the conventional road to advanced education, but one Revere woman did and is now hoping to make it back to the school system that she graduated from – this time as a teacher.

At 42 years old, the mother of four and wife whose husband works as a carpenter, Vanessa Biasella of Robert Street was proud to finally earn her master's degree in education from Salem State University in May. Actually, Biasella credits Salem State's Four Plus One program – four years for a bachelor's degree plus one for a master's instead of two.

"You double-up on undergrad and grad courses," she said, explaining there were day and night classes and three summers of six classes. On the home front, she said it was a team effort with her two older sons watching the two younger ones."

She added that nothing puts a strain on a family like the idea of looming college tuition and having to figure out childcare at the same time.

Another source of help came from the women who work at Adventures of Learning, 200 Winthrop Ave.

"Without them there were days I thought I would have lost my mind," she said.

Biasella has earned her teaching license for history in Grades 5-12 and is also a certified maritime archeologist --- and very interested in the "Diana" and the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

Biasella has spread her application all over, but she really wants to work at Revere High School

"Growing up, I felt like going to college wasn't encouraged. We didn't have the money. It wasn't expected – I was going to be a secretary or a housewife the rest of my life," Biasella said.

Prior to obtaining her associates degree from Bunker Hill Community College, Biasella worked in daycare where she was able to also include her kids.

"I love learning and I want to keep going," she said

Biasella is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Revere Society for the Cultural and Historical Preservation, the City of Revere Cultural Council and vice president of the Revere Alumni Association.

Biasella is no stranger to working in public schools such as Saugus High School and the Browne Middle School in Chelsea.

Reflecting on her teaching goal, she said, "Who better to teach Revere kids than a Revere kid?"

CBD MAP HEADED TO COUNCIL

WINTHROP - The Planning Board has decided on a much-awaited boundary of the Center Business District (CBD) and will present the new map to the Town Council for approval or not.

It will also be up to the Town Council to decide whether or not the old middle school site will be included in the district. It will also be suggested to the council that the senior housing on Putnam Street and 105-107 Fremont St. are not actually in the district.

Last week the Planning Board met to discuss the proposed CBD map drawn by Michael Wang, of Form & Place, Newton.

Before getting too deeply into discussions, Planning Board Chairman David Stasio, who is an attorney by profession, recused himself from any motion, vote or recommendation about the map because he may have clients who are affected by new maps.

Tonight's vote is just a rec-

ommendation from this board to the town council," Stasio said. "Town Council will then decide to accept, reject, nullify or our recommendation."

"Thank you for respecting our homes for where they are," said Jean Coughlin, of 23 Cottage Park Road. She added that she feels like this whole process, which has included numerous meetings, has felt like the cart being put before the horse. She questioned how the developer Envelo, who proposes a four-story, 30-unit apartment building and mixed use at 10-25 Somerset St., was able to design the property without a map.

"A key piece of information," she said. "This map is the horse."

Planning Board member Christopher Boyce reminded people that the map is only a recommendation to the town council. He said the middle school site was part of the master plan.

Currently the old school has no proper zoning attached to it and that has been a problem of getting a developer interested, Boyce said.

"This is an opportunity to see that the council could actually act on this," Boyce said.

Planning Board member Gina DiMento said that she has heard ideas meant to improve Winthrop instead of having more and more empty buildings, "that no one pays any attention to and then they fall apart and make our town look bad." She also said that she wanted to look at the map in two pieces, phase one for the CBD and phase two for all of the brainstorming that has been done for the area.

"I'm not in favor of sending this map with the middle school property in it. It's a whole other can of worms," said Planning Board member Vincent Zappulla. "As far as I'm concerned the town dropped the ball on that from the beginning."

Zappulla fears sending the recommendation to the Town Council will get hung up in the council and end up in a stalemate or sending the map back to the Planning Board.

The Planning Board agreed

on a base map that the middle school site, 105-107 Freeman St. and senior housing on Putnam Street shown in hashmarks as possible exclusions from the CBD base map.

FERRY STILL REMAINS OUT OF SERVICE

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Ferry service remains suspended until mechanical repairs can be made to one of its engines.

The town is still awaiting delivery all of the necessary parts for the repair. Tanji Cufini, who manages the ferry, said the engine, covered by warranty, has been ordered from Cummins NE.

"We are currently working on alternative service while the equipment is down," said Town Council President Ron Vechia. "We are having ongoing discussions with local ferry operators in the Greater Boston area to possibly take over the service that has been very popular with many local residents."

And what is in the ferry's fu-

"It has always been my desire not to have the Town overseeing the operation and the costs associated with it, but rather have a local operator contracted to run it for the town. It has proven to be an alternative to sitting in rush hour traffic that has become impossible of late."

Ferry service is anticipated to be suspended through the end of next week. All prepaid tickets have been credited.

"We thank you for your continued patience, cooperation and continued support of the Valkyrie. We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this interruption in service has caused and we are working hard for a solution for our riders," said Town Manager Austin Faison.

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As Tara Friedman said, "It is really hard to believe we have been out of the hallways at Lynn English for 30 years. Stacey and I planned this reunion to meet and greet our classmates".

Many thanks were extended to Tara and Stacey for their efforts. Everyone really appreciated the creativity of this event and the fun of being together once again.



Co – Chairs for the 1989 Lynn English 30th Reunion - Tara Johnson-Friedman and Stacey Spirito-Comito.



(Front): Karen French, Paula O'Brien, Tyra Bettis, and Anastasia Tessie Mower; (Back): Kimberly Cole-Keating, Paul Mailloux, and Josh Mower.



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